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SUBJECT

Succession to Sri Neelamthatte Mana in Thrithala Pk

To

66) Sri Vidyaprakashatheertha Swamigalu.
Belgaum

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States that govt see no reason to recall the memorial already passed & rejects the memorial

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FILE HEADING.

Succession to Sri Bhimanakatte Matt in the Tirthahalli Taluk.

From

The Private Secretary to H. H. the Maharaja

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BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

Forwards for special memorial from Sri Vidya Purna Tirtha Swamy praying that his claims to the headship of the Matt may be recognized

NOTES AND ORDERS.

1) The dispute relative to the right of the nomination of a successor to the Vacant Peetah of Bhimanakatte Matt having come up before Govt., the then II Sec (now I Sec) member of Council

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heard the contending parties and their Advocates, and the connected papers having been submitted to H. H the Maharaja, the right of the Bhandara Bhandarakere Matt to select a nominee to Bhimanakatte Matt was approved under H H's gracious order (Vide 19 I) G.O. no. 1348 Muz. 59-22 dy 14th March 1928). In exercise of this right, the Bhandarakere Swamy has selected a Bala Brahmachari Vatu Sy name Ved. Bodhacharya to succeed to the vacant Peetah of Sri Bhimanakatte Matt, and the Muz Com's. report is awaited.

2) Sri Vidya Purna Tirtha Swamy has memorialized H. H the Maha

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alleging that the late Sri Raghunandana Tirtha Swamy of Sri Bhimana Kattemath (whose seat is now vacant) in exercise of his Dharmika right had nominated him to the headship of Bhandara-kere math, but, the nomination has been set aside by the High Court of Madras, and prays that his claims to the vacant Bhimanakatte math may be recognized after hearing him if necessary.

3) The memorialists' case is given at length in the Madras High Court judgt in Civil Appeal no. 221 1910. (vide pages 876, 883 and 888 & 889 of Vol XXXIV, Indian cases). one Vidyanidhi - predecessor of the present Bandarakere Swamy

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who died on 15th Novr 1901
has been a lunatic since 1896.
In the year 1898, while the
lunatic swamy was alive,
the late Sri Raghunathesara
Bharathi swamy of Bhavanakatte
mutt nominated the memorialist
the Bandaradeve mutt
but this nomination was
set aside by the High Court
of Madras on the ground
that there was no vacancy
in the office of the swamy
of Bandaradeve mutt by
reason of the lunacy of the
said Vidyanidhi swamy
After Vidyanidhi's death in
1907, Bhavanakatte swamy
again appointed him to the
headship of Bandaradeve
mutt, but this was set
aside by the High Court

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on the ground that as per manual in these matts the initiation into Sanyasam and the ordination to the matts must be contemporaneous.

4) Vidya Purna Swamy who was made a Sanyasi by the late Bhavinava-Kolle Swamy so long ago as 1898 with a view to appoint him to Bandarakere matt now applies for the Head Ship of Bhavinavakolle matt.

5) It is submitted that the prohibition in the matter of the hereditarists' succession to Bandarakere matt, will have to apply to the new Vacant Peetah of Bhavinavakolle matt. The matter was under enquiry in the Taluk and District Offices for a number of years.

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after the death of Sri Raghu Brusana Tirtha Swamy, but the memorialist did not appear -

6) There are no grounds ~~whatever~~ to reconsider the first order recognising the right of Dwandwa Bhandaikara mutt to select a nominee to the vacant Bhandaikara mutt and the Memorial of the Pandit Vidya Tirtha Swamy Members may be rejected.

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thro' Mr. N.T. Dalvi, Pleader, Belgaum
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states that Govt is re-
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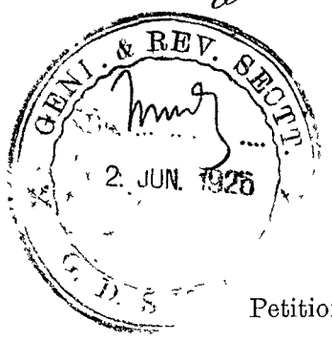

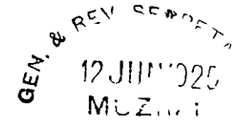

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Petition, as shown below, to His Highness ~~the Maharaja is~~ transferred to the Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, Revenue Department, Bangalore, for
Disposal

By Order,

No. 1010 of 24-25

~~for~~ *Private Secretary*
to H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore.

To

HIS MOST EXALTED AND GRACIOUS HIGHNESS
SHRI KRISHNARAJ WADIYER, BAHADUR,
G. C. S. I., G. B. E.,
MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

The humble Memorial of Shri Vidyapurna Tirtha Swamy, Guru Shri Raghubhushan Tirtha Swamy of Bhimankatte Math in Tirthahalli Taluka of the Shimoga District in Mysore State

Most respectfully showeth:—

That in the Tirthahalli Taluka of the Shimoga District is situate a Math or religious institution known as the Bhimankatte Math or Bhimasethu-Munivrinda Math which avows the religious tenets propounded by Shriman Madhwacharya and whose principal seat is at Bhimankatte in the said Taluka

That the last Head of the said Math, *viz.* His Holiness Shri Raghubhushan Tirtha Swamy Guru Shri Raghupravir Tirtha Swamy breathed his last about two years and three quarters ago at Satti, in the Athni Taluka of the Belgaum District of the Bombay Presidency.

That His Holiness Shri Raghubhushan Tirtha Swamy had ordained the memorialist a Sanyasin and initiated him into the sacred lore of his sect and thus constituted him his own disciple.

That thereupon, the said Raghubhushan Tirtha Swamy, in exercise of the right of the Bhimankatte Math as a Dwandwa Math with another religious institution known as Bhandarkere Math, nominated the Memorialist as the successor and Head of the Bhandarkere Math on the demise of Shri Vidyanidhi Tirtha, the last Swamy of the latter Math without nominating his successor. But the nomination of the Memorialist to the headship of the Bhandarkere Math was unfortunately set aside by the High Court of Madras

on grounds which were attributed to the case of the Bhandarkere Math and which are not relevant here. The Memorialist, in consequence, remained the disciple of the Bhimankatte Math and on occasions of illness &c., of Shri Raghubhushan Tirtha Swamy conducted the worship of the Gods of that Math.

That the Memorialist being on tour in distant places was unaware of the last illness of his Guru Shri Raghubhushan Tirtha Swamy and his demise for many days after the same had occurred

That the Memorialist has come to know recently that one Balkrishna, son of K. Laxminarayanacharya claimed to be his successor on the strength of a will alleged to have been made by the late Shri Raghubhushan Tirtha Swamy and that his nomination by will was contested by the present Swamy of the Bhandarkere Math He has also heard that the Muzrai Department of the Mysore Government has declared inoperative the will and the appointment made thereunder

That the Memorialist further learns that the Swamy of the Bhandarkere Math has now sought permission of the Muzrai Department to nominate another boy to the Headship of the Bhimankatte Math in exercise of the right of his Math as a Dwandwa to the Bhimankatte Math and that the matter is pending consideration

That both the said Balkrishna and the Swamy of the Bhandarkere Math have sought to ignore the claim of the Memorialist to the Headship of the Bhimankatte Math. On the death of Shri Raghubhushan Tirtha Swamy, the Memorialist automatically stepped into the place of his Guru and became the Head of the Bhimankatte Math, by having been ordained as his disciple in Sannyas Ashram and by failure of his appointment to the Headship of the Bhandarkere Math and on other grounds. Even on the supposition that a formal nomination is necessary to be made by the Swamy of the Bhandarkere Math, the Memorialist is the only candidate fit and entitled to such nomination No other person is entitled to the Headship of the Bhimankatte Math.

That the Memorialist submits that if the Swamy of the Bhandarkere Math has urged the judgment of the Madras High Court and the grounds mentioned therein in support of his right to nominate and in support of his choice, both the decision and the reasons therein are irrelevant to the present inquiry about the Headship of the Bhimankatte Math as distinguished from the Bhandarkere Math. Even if the judgment or decision be relevant and admissible for certain purposes, the reasons for the judgment are not relevant and cannot be used in subsequent proceedings. It may be that one of the grounds urged by the Swamy of the Bhandarkere Math was that the appointment of a Balbrahmachari below the age of 16 years is necessary to the Headship of the Math and

an older Brahmachari or Brahmachari Sanyasi is ineligible for the Headship. The said ground is opposed to custom and various instances of such appointment in the history of the two Maths referred to above and in the history of the eight Udapi Maths founded by Shri Madhwacharya. The main object is that the nominee should be celibate before he is ordained direct to the fourth Ashram. The present Swamy of the Bhandarkere Math was himself not less than 30 years old at the time he was ordained and nominated to the Headship of that Math. He claims his Headship through appointment from the late Shri Raghubhushan Tirtha Swamy, patches of whose deposition are torn asunder from the context to serve his purpose The said ground, if it has been urged by the Swamy of the Bhandarkere Math, unsettles his own Headship and makes his own nomination invalid

That allegations made and grounds urged behind the back of the Memorialist do not affect the merits of his case Any order passed or appointment made without the Memorialist being heard in support of his claim and against the claims of rival parties would unnecessarily complicate the situation and give rise to unforeseen difficulties It is necessary that all the litigating parties should be heard before final orders are passed in the matter.

That the Memorialist, therefore prays God that Your Gracious Highness be kind enough to order that the consideration of the claims and choice of the Swamy of the Bhandarkere Math and the claims of the said Balkrishna or those of any other persons who may have advanced the same should be deferred until the Memorialist is fully heard by pleader or counsel in support of his claim, that a suitable date should be fixed for hearing and communicated to the Memorialist and that the Gods, properties and income of the Bhimankatte Math should be under attachment until final orders are passed by Your Gracious Highness' Government.

And that for this act of kindness the Memorialist shall, as in duty bound, ever pray

Belgaum,
10th May 1925

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Signed by B.N.T.R.

To

Inam Sanad granted to Sri Vidya Purna Tirtha Swamy through Mr. N.T. Dafle Pleader, Belgaum, with ref. to his memorial no. 1859 dt 10-5-1925 addressed to H.H. The Maharaja advancing his claims to the vacant headship of Sri Bhimanakatte Math in the Tirthahalli Taluk.

The memorialist is informed that orders have been issued in Govt. Pro. no. 1348 Muz. 57-22 dt 11-3- over

recognizing the right of
the Dharmakarta Bhandarakara
Math & ~~Select a nominee~~ a mina
& Bhimanakatte Math,
and that Govt do not
see reason to re-consider
this order. His memorial
is accordingly rejected.

Sd/- under.

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Sd/- Rev Secretary

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Copy to Huz-Amir for
in ~~Cont. of~~ G.O. No. 1848 dated
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